



#### Dear NC Pre-K Staff,

DCDEE uses the NC Pre-K Plan information for planning and payment purposes. It is CRITICAL for all information to be up – to – date throughout the year. Reimbursement for 2017-2018 will be computed on the site type, Lead or Substitute Lead teacher qualifications and rates in the Plan and on child attendance in NC Pre-K Kids. Reimbursement amounts will not compute correctly if information is not updated.

Initial actions needed and completion dates are listed below. Steps should be worked in the order they are listed.

August 1 Review the "Committee Section" and the "Contract Information" to ensure all information is up to date. Remember the email addresses listed for the Contract Administrator, Fiscal Contact, Program Contact and additional contact are used for our communication with you during the year.

Review the "**Site Section**" of NC Pre-K Plan to ensure that all sites listed will participate in the 2017-2018 NC Pre-K year and review site types for accuracy.

Review the "Classroom" section to ensure that all classroom information is correct for 2017-2018

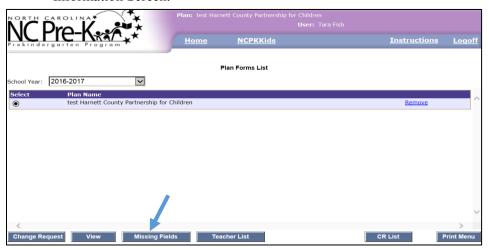
Review the "Budget" section to ensure:

- · Direct Services and Admin Service funds match your 2017/18 contract amounts.
- Estimated Other Resources "Cash" and In-kind" The 2016/17 amounts as of June have rolled forward. Please verify and update these estimated amounts, if needed.
- August 25 Missing Fields Information All Sites. Follow Step 1 below, if applicable.
- August 25 Site Types. Follow Step 2 below.
- August 25 Missing Fields Information **Site Year End Date**. Follow Step 3 below.
- August 25 Missing Fields Information **Principal / Directors**. Follow Step 4 below, if applicable.
- September 1 **Teacher Placement**. Follow Step 5
- September 8 Missing Field Information **Child Placement and Classroom Rate** worksheets. Follow Step 6 below.

After you log into the 2017-2018 NC Pre-K Plan system, the initial screen will be the "Missing Site Information" screen. You may also click on the "Missing Fields" button. All items listed above may not be applicable to your county. Note: CR, which means Change Request, will be used throughout this document. Please follow these Steps to update your initial 2017-2018 Plan.

## Step I. Missing Fields (Star Rating Change)

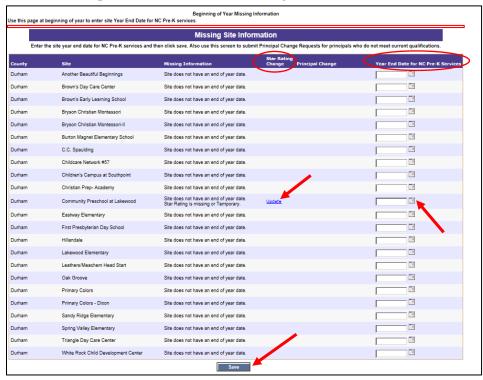
A. From the <u>Home</u> screen click on <u>Missing Fields</u> button which will bring up the Missing Site Information Screen.



## The Missing Site Information Screen

There are six columns in this area: 1) County name, 2) Site Name, 3) Missing Information, 4) Star Rating Change, 5) Principal Change and 6) Year End Date for NC Pre K services. Review the list of site(s).

If "<u>Update</u>" is located in the 4th column (Star Rating Change) enter the Site Year End Date and click Save. Go to Step 1B to address the <u>Star Rating</u> issue.



B. If the site <u>will</u> participate in 17-18; click "**Update**" in the **Star Rating Change** column to open the CR. Update information as needed on the CR, click the drop down arrow to change Current Star Rating and/or add comments about the licensing status in the Comment area. Click the submit button to send the CR to DCDEE.

Note: You may also click **Home**, click **CR List**, and click on the **CR number** to open the CR created for the site.

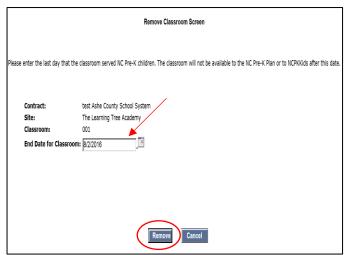
	Site Change Request	
A change request must be sent to the NC Pre-K State	Office to approve the requested changes.	
Click the Save button to save the change request and screen.	comment, the Submit button to submit the change requ	est, or the Back button to go back to the previous
County:	Durham	Site Street Address: 1912 Chapel Hill Road
Name of Center/School:	Community Preschool at Lakewood	
Type of Site:	Private For-profit child care center	City: Durham
LEA School Number:		State: NC
Child Care License Number:	32002127	<b>Z</b> ip: 27707
	☐ NC Pre-K Star Rating Exception	
Current Star Rating:	Temporary	Telephone Number: (919) 489-9700 ext.
Year End date for NC Pre-K Services:		Fax Number: (919) 403-8425
New Comment:  Not Submitted	Comment History:	^
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	Save Submit Delete	Back

C. If the Site <u>will not</u> participate in 17-18, you must <u>exit</u> all the existing classrooms within that site and a **Site Termination Change Request** <u>must be completed to remove site from the Plan.</u> Note: A **Site Year End Date** <u>must</u> be entered/saved <u>prior</u> to exiting the site from the Plan. This date must be entered from the <u>Missing Site Information</u> screen or the <u>Site Change Request</u> screen.

NOTE: Submit Site Terminate Change Requests for any site that has not been assigned children to be served.

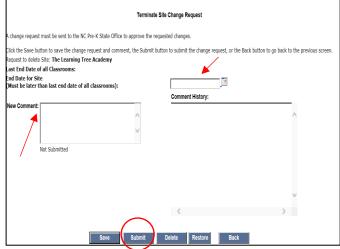
To <u>exit the classroom</u>, click on the Classroom button. Find the classroom and click on remove. Select "Yes" to the question "Are you sure you want to exit the "xxx" classroom?" Then enter the "End Date for Classroom" and click on "Remove".





To <u>remove the site</u> click on the Site button. Find the site and click on remove. Select "Yes" to the question "Are you sure you want to remove the "xxx" from the list?" Then enter the "End Date for Site", add comments if applicable and click on "submit".



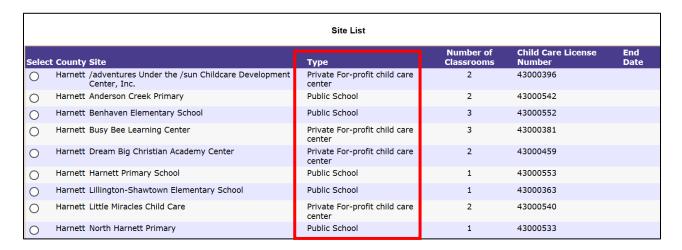


# Step II. Site Types

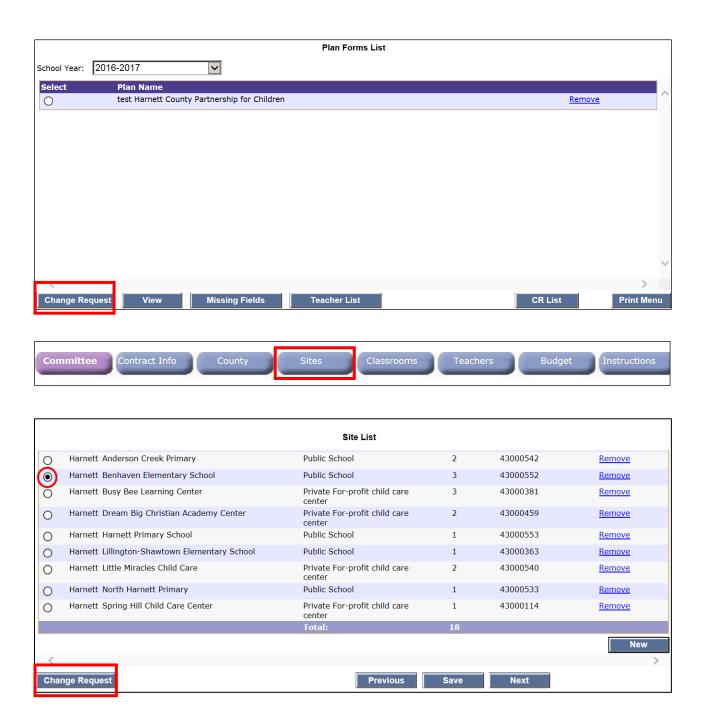
Reimbursement for 2017-2018 will be computed on the site type, Lead or Substitute Lead teacher qualifications & rates in the Plan and on child attendance in Kids. The site type listed in the Plan should be verified. This Step must take place second to manage your Plan. Site types available in the NC Pre-K Plan are: Public School, Head Start Program, Head Start Program Administered by Public School, Private Non-profit child care center and Private For-profit child care center.

A. From the **Home** page, **click** the **View** button. **Click** the **Site** button to review the site list. If site type is correct proceed to Step 3. If site type(s) are not correct follow Step 2.B.





B. From the **Home** page, **click Change Request**, and then **click** the **Site** button. Next **select** the Site that needs to be corrected and then **click Change Request**. Using the drop down box for the Type of Site, **select** the appropriate classification; update the year end date, if applicable and **click Save**.



Site Change Request												
County:	Harnett		Site Street Address:	Change Ad								
Name of Center/School:	Anderson Creek Primary		Address.									
Type of Site:	Public School	<u> </u>	City:	Bunnlevel								
LEA School Number:	430-304		State:	NC								
Child Care License Number:	43000542	Ī	Zip:	28323								
Current Star Rating:	5 Star Change Star Rating	g or License	Telephone Number:	(910) 893-6752 E	ext.							
			Fax Number:	(910) 893-6752								
Year End date for NC Pre-K Services:				Same as Street Addres	ss							
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New Comment:	~											
CR Status:												
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### Step III. Site Year End Dates

Site year end dates did not roll forward in the 17-18 Plan. The site year end date is the last day NC Pre-K children will be <u>served</u> in that site and is required for the Program evaluation. Note: **The Site Year End Date** <u>is not related to the last day of payment.</u>

If a site will not participate in 2017-2018, <u>complete the missing site information and missing classroom information</u>. Then follow the *instructions above* to remove the classroom.

A. From the **Home** page, **click** the **MISSING FIELDS** button, which will bring up the Missing Site Information screen. There are six columns in this area: 1) County name, 2) Site Name, 3) Missing Information, 4) Star Rating Change, 5) Principal Change and 6) Year End Date for NC Pre K services. **Review** the list of site(s).

B. **Enter** the 2017-2018 Site Year End Date (mm/dd/yy) for NC Pre-K Services for each site. Then **click** the **Save** button. Once the site year end date has been entered and saved, the next time you return to this screen the site will be removed from the list, unless there is an issue with the Principal/Director or other missing information (i.e. star rating).

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C. If "**Update**" is located in the 5<sup>th</sup> column (Principal Change) **enter** the Site Year End Date and **click Save**. **Go** to Step 4 to address the Principal/Director issue. The site will not be removed until the Principal/Director issue is resolved.

Beginning of Year Missing Information  Jse this page at beginning of year to enter site Year End Date for NC Pre-K services.										
Missing Site Information										
Enter the site year end date for NC Pre-K services and then click save. Also use this screen to submit Principal Change Requests for principals who do not meet current qualifications.										
County	Site	Missing Information	Star Rating Change	Principal Change	Year End Date for NC Pre-K Services					
Burke	Circle of Friends	Principal is missing.		<u>Update</u>	06/15/2017					
Burke	Glen Alpine Elementary	Site does not have an end of year date.								
Burke	Hildebran Elementary	Site does not have an end of year date.								
Burke	Icard Elementary	Site does not have an end of year date.								
Burke	Mountain Crest	Site does not have an end of year date.								
Burke	Mull Elementary	Site does not have an end of year date.								
Burke	Oak Hill Elementary	Site does not have an end of year date.								
		Save								

## Step IV. Principals/Directors

If the Principal/Director was identified as "Interim" or the Director has less than an "Administrator III Credential" or a Principal has less than a "Principal License" in the 16-17 Plan the data did not roll forward in the 17-18 Plan.

A. From the **Home** page, **click** the **MISSING FIELDS** button, which will bring up the Missing Site Information screen. There are six columns in this area: 1) County name, 2) Site Name, 3) Missing Information, 4) Star Rating Change, 5) Principal Change and 6) Year End Date for NC Pre K services. **Review** the list of site(s). **Update** in the 5<sup>th</sup> column indicates there is an issue with the Principal/Director for that site.

B. Click Update if this Principal/Director will serve in this site for 17-18. A CR will be created. Review and Update applicable data and enter comments as needed. Next click Submit.

Note: Click Save instead of submit if you are not prepared to submit the CR. Click Home, CR List and the CR number to continue working on the CR when data is known.

C. Click Update if the Principal/Director will not serve in this site for 17-18. A CR will be created. Click Delete to remove the current Principal/Director data and <u>SAVE</u>. Next click Update again for a blank CR, then enter the required data about the current Principal/Director, enter the effective date and click Submit. You may also go **Home**, click CR List and click on the CR number to open a blank CR. Then enter the required data about the current Principal/Director, enter the effective date, save and click Submit.

Change Principal/Director Change Request										
A change request must be sent to the NC Pre-K State Of	fice to approve the requested changes.									
Click the Save button to save the change request and co screen.	mment, the Submit button to submit th	ie change r	equest, or the Back button to go back to the previous							
Site:	Circle of Friends									
Principal/Director:	V	Email:								
Title:										
First		]								
Last Name:		]								
Ethnicity:	Hispanic	O Yes	O <sub>No</sub>							
Race	American Indian or Alaska Native									
(Check at least one, and all that apply)	Asian									
	Black or African American									
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Isla	nder 🗌								
	White / European American	✓								
Phone Number:		Phone E	ext:							
Highest Degree:	_	1								

The Site will not be removed from the Missing Site Information list until DCDEE approves the CR and/or the Site Year End Date is saved.

NOTE: Principal/directors must be in place prior to request for reimbursement.

After <u>all</u> of the above items have been addressed the <u>MISSING FIELD</u> button will disappear from the Home screen.

# Step V. Teacher Placement

Reimbursement for 2017-2018 will be computed on the <u>site type, Lead or Substitute Lead teacher</u> <u>qualifications and rates in the Plan and on child attendance in NC Pre-K Kids</u>. If current information is not in the Plan – reimbursement amounts <u>will not</u> be correctly computed. <u>Teachers</u> must be placed/approved in the Plan <u>before</u> reimbursement amounts will compute.

Please follow the Teacher Placement User Guide for adding/placing teachers in the classrooms.

#### **NOTE:**

- 1. Teacher start dates are critical for computation of reimbursement amounts.
- 2. 9 or less children served = 1 approved Lead or Substitute Lead teacher and 10 or more children served = 1 approved Lead or Substitute Lead teacher and 1 approved assistant

### Step VI. Rates and Children Worksheets

Steps 1 through 5 must be completed for the worksheets to complete calculations. If a CR has not been approved for a non licensed site the system will not complete calculations. If a CR has <u>not been</u> approved for a **teacher placement change** or **add teacher**, the system will not complete calculations.

The Plan includes a **Rates and Children** button available in **View** mode and an **Adjust Rates and Children** button in the **Change Request** mode along with **nine** worksheets. The worksheets contain **filters**. You may view **all sites** or an **individual site**. You may also view **all classrooms** or for an **individual site** or just **one classroom** at a time. You may also filter by **funding source**.

The worksheets are:

Planning – Children Budget – Children Actual – Children Planning – Rates Budget – Rates Actual – Rates

Planning - Children and Rates Budget - Children and Rates Actual - Children and Rates

Above the worksheet choices are three columns that include accumulated totals for Planning, Current Budget and NC Pre-K Kids Submitted. Beside these columns you will find Total Direct Services Funds Allocated, Actual Payments to date and Current Budget Anticipated Spend.

The **Planning Worksheets** are used to reflect how many children you plan to serve in each site/class, to set up your billing dates and to enter/verify classroom payment rates. Think of these as your play worksheets. You will also use these worksheets throughout the year to move children around. The amount calculated by the system and reflected in **Planning - Payments** indicates how much of your Total Direct Service Funds Allocated you have <u>planned</u> to be paid out.

The **Budget Worksheets** and the column above for **Current Budget** will not reflect any amounts until you click **Commit to Budget** button in the Change Request mode. Ultimately, amounts in **Planning** and **Current Budget** should match. The amount calculated by the system and reflected in **Current Budget** - **Payments** indicates how much of your Total Direct Service Funds Allocated you have budgeted to be paid out.

The **Actual Worksheets** and the **Actual Planning** amounts and children served number will be automatically entered by the system. The new 17-18 Plan will compute reimbursement by classroom based on the site type, Lead and Substitute Lead teacher qualifications and rates in the Plan and child attendance in the Kids system.

#### Types of Rates for NC Pre-K Direct Services Funds

<u>Maximum</u> rates are the rates DCDEE announced for 2017-2018 based on site types and teacher qualifications which are programmed into the Plan.

**Exception** rates are the rates approved by management at DCDEE which are also programmed into the Plan.

<u>Negotiated</u> rates are the rates your agency may have paid to the Site in 11-12 which were maintained in 12-13 and may have been lower than the maximum rates for Head Start and Public sites. In 17-18 you may increase the rate up to the maximum if you have funds available in your existing budget.

### **Funding Source**

There are two permanent types of funding sources available in the 17-18 Plan: 1) NC Pre-K Primary and 2) Dual Funded. Only NC Pre-K funds are identified in the Plan. However, you may have a classroom that requires two NC Pre-K rates, i.e. a Head Start classroom has 18 children: 9 children funded with Head Start and NC Pre-K funds \$300 per child and 9 funded with only NC Pre-K funds, which require a higher rate.

You must contact DCDEE prior to setting up a classroom that has multiple NC Pre-K rates based on different funding sources. There is also a temporary pilot funding source in the 17-18 Plan: Classroom funded rate that was used by a select few in 2013/14 in a pilot program.

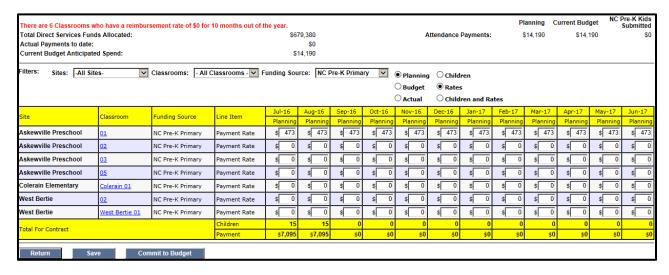
## **Planning Worksheet**

- A. **Determine** the number of children to be served in the classroom.
- B. From the **Home** page, **click Change Request**, next **click Classrooms** and then **click** the new **Adjust Rates and Children** button. A new screen will appear. **Click Planning** and **Children** to verify and change the number of children you plan to serve in each classroom for ten months. To change the number, **highlight** the number and **type** in the new number.

There are 7 Classrooms wh		ement rate of \$0 for 10	months out o		E670 200				Attandana	. Davim auto		lanning (	Current Bud		Pre-K Kids Submitted \$0
Actual Payments to date: Current Budget Anticipated		\$0										30		30	90
Filters: Sites: -All Sites- Classrooms: -All Classrooms - Funding Source: NC Pre-K Primary Planning Children  - Budget Rates															
								OActual	O Chil	dren and R	ates				
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Askewville Preschool	<u>01</u>	NC Pre-K Primary	Children	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Askewville Preschool	<u>02</u>	NC Pre-K Primary	Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Askewville Preschool	03	NC Pre-K Primary	Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Askewville Preschool	<u>05</u>	NC Pre-K Primary	Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colerain Elementary	Colerain 01	NC Pre-K Primary	Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Bertie	<u>02</u>	NC Pre-K Primary	Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total For Contract			Children Payment	0 \$0	15 \$0	0 \$0									
Return Save	Return Save Commit to Budget														

- C. **Determine** the payment period for this site and class. If the payment period is August to May, start entering the number of children (max of 18) in the block under Aug-16. Continue entering the number in the blocks through May and **click Save** after each classroom is complete. This sets your payment period.
  - If the payment period is September to June, start entering the number of children to be served in the block under Sep -16 and continue through June, then **click Save**.
- D. Next, **click Planning** and **Rates**. Default rates approved by DCDEE will automatically populate for classrooms with approved Lead or Substitute Lead teachers. **Review** the rate for each classroom. If the rate is incorrect, **highlight** the number, **enter** the correct rate (negotiated) and **click Save**.

Note: Rates may only be entered as whole dollars. Review your funding source.



E. Then click Planning and Children and Rates. If you receive a red message beside or under the Total Direct Service Funds Allocated you have over budgeted or not completed an item from Step 1 - 6. Recheck the number of children to be served and/or the rates, make changes and click save. The goal is to plan to use as much as possible of your Total Direct Service Funds Allocated. After the red message(s) have disappeared and you are satisfied with your plan, click Commit to Budget.

There are 7 Classrooms who have a reimbursement rate of \$0 for 10 months out of the year.  Total Direct Services Funds Allocated: \$679.380								Attendance Payments:			anning C	urrent Budg	NC Pre-K Kids Submitted \$0 \$0	
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Site	Classroom	Funding Source	Line Item	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17 Jun-17
Site	Classicolli	runding source	Line Item	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning Planning
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Colerain Elementary	Colerain 01	NC Pre-K Primary	Payment Rate	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0 \$ 0
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West Bertie	<u>02</u>	NC Pre-K Primary	Payment Rate	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	s 0 s 0
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#### NOTE:

- 1. Use the hover button on your mouse to assist you with the type of site, if a teacher is qualified or not and the rate.
- **2**. If a rate does not populate, check the CR List to ensure all CR's have been approved for the Lead or Substitute Lead teachers, sites or other issues are remaining. Remember- do not Plan over your budgeted amount.

# **Budget Worksheets**

The **Budget Worksheet** is controlled by the **Planning Worksheet**. If the amounts for **Planning** and **Current Budget** - do not match, you may not have clicked the Save and Commit to Budget buttons after making a change. **Click** on **Planning** and **Rates** to view if a rate has been entered for each classroom or any items are highlighted in red or are blank. Use the hover feature to search for issues also. After making the corrections and you are satisfied with your plan, **click Commit to Budget**.

#### **Actual Worksheets**

The **Actual Worksheets** and the **NC Pre-Kids Submitted** will be automatically entered by the system. The new 17-18 Plan will compute reimbursement by classroom based on the site type, Lead and Substitute Lead teacher qualifications and rates in the Plan and child attendance in the NC Pre-K Kids system. DCDEE may also increase or decrease the reimbursement amount if adjustments are necessary during the monthly payment process.

#### NOTE:

- **3.** Monthly adjustments to the **Planning Worksheets** may be required to correctly identify the number of children to be served, to decrease the number of children to be served or to increase the number of children that may be served due to unexpended funds. Funds remaining may be generated if you move children from a class with a higher rate to a class with a lower rate and you could serve more children.
- 4. The Plan also includes an accumulated amount on the **Budget Page** for the **Currently Budgeted Expenditures**, **Actual Attendance**, **State Office Payments**, and the **Running Total**. You will use this to manage your funds throughout the year.
- **5.** If the number of children in classrooms with lower payment rates decrease and children to be served in classrooms with higher payment rates increase you cannot serve the same number of children and funds remaining will decrease. This can be managed by not replacing children as they leave classrooms during the year; or by budgeting based on the maximum payment amount allowed.
- **6.** Remove classrooms if children have not been assigned to the class.
- **7.** If you exit a Lead or Substitute Lead teacher the worksheets will zero out the rate because the system does not have a teacher to calculate.

- **8.** Prior to printing the classroom attendance reports to submit for the monthly reimbursement check the worksheets for any "red" issues.
- **9.** The rates entered in the Plan must reflect actual rates paid to providers. This will be reviewed during monitoring by DCDEE.